New system of cash plantation by the Central Rice Research Institute

3206. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Rice Research Institute has devised a new system of cash plantation for rice-growing farmers of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to increase their income, generate additional employment and restrict migration of the farming community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) has developed rice-based farming system like rice + fish + duck + horticultural crops+ agro-forestry for favourable rainfed lowland and irrigated systems.

(c) The rice based farming systems developed by CRRI have a potential to enhance farmer's income and also to generate employment in irrigated areas and rainfed lowland systems of rice cultivation.

Poultry projects in Bihar

3207. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has sent proposals for poultry projects during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated thereof during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Proposals for assistance to the State Poultry Farms located at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Purnea and Kishanganj were received from the Government of Bihar in the last two years. An

amount of Rs. 340.00 lakhs was sanctioned in respect of these proposals and first installment of Rs. 160.00 lakhs also released in 2005-06.

Flood and drought loss in Kerala

3208. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received from the Government of Kerala claiming compensation for agricultural loss due to floods and droughts during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of assistance sought, assistance approved and released in each case;

(c) the status of pending representations;

(d) whether Kerala Government has also sought assistance for revival of agriculture sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) For the drought of 2003-04, the Government of Kerala had submitted two Memoranda, one in January 2004 and the other in April, 2004, seeking assistance of Rs. 1359.03 crores and Rs. 2844.90 crores, respectively, from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), for drought relief. However, no assistance was released from the NCCF as the balance in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) account of the State was more than the amount approved by the High Level Committee (HLC).

In July, 2004, the State Government had submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance of Rs. 3847 crores for revival of Agriculture Sector, which included requirement towards input subsidy for damaged crops. A multi-disciplinary team had visited the State for assessment of requirements etc. Taking into account its recommendations and based on approval by the Prime Minister, Rs. 106 crores was released to the State from the NCCF towards input subsidy for damaged crops.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is concerned with matters relating to floods. According to them, the State Government had sought assistance